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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 29, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

The amendments are formatted and presented in accordance with the Revised Format for Amendments promulgated in 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply ends June 29, 2004, this Response is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this Response.

A "Replacement Sheet" of and an "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" to Figure 1 are attached hereto as an Appendix to this Response and are labeled accordingly.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Response.